



## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 170

March 12, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives OWENS, ALBERS, BALLWEG, BIES, HONADEL, MURSAU, MURTHA and VOS, cosponsored by Senators ROESSLER and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 985.02 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** publication of municipal  
2           legal notices.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law requires a municipality, including a county, city, village, town, or school district, to publish a legal notice in a newspaper with paid circulation that is likely to give notice in the area or to the person affected. Generally, this means a newspaper that has at least two years of publication experience in the municipality and a paid circulation of at least 50 percent of its total circulation.

The bill allows a municipality the additional option of posting the notice on the Internet site of the municipality.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3           **SECTION 1.** 985.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4           985.02 (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, a legal notice shall be either  
5           published in a newspaper likely to give notice in the area or to the person affected  
6           or posted on the Internet site of the municipality. Whenever the law requires

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**SECTION 1**

1 publication in a newspaper published in a designated municipality or area and no  
2 newspaper is published therein publication shall be made in a newspaper likely to  
3 give notice.

4 (END)